

IKE Tiger Cruise 2009 – Top Ten Safety Considerations

1. MOVING THROUGH THE SHIP: Walk... Please don't run in the passageways. Be cautious when nearing blind corners. Be particularly careful if the deck (floor) is wet. Horseplay is dangerous anywhere onboard! Be aware of low overheads and high doorsills ("knee-knockers").

2. MIND YOUR HEAD & WATCH YOUR FINGERS: Be very careful of your head and hands when moving around aircraft, especially in the hangar bay. It's very easy to get distracted talking to a friend or looking at an aircraft and hit your head on an aircraft surface. Maintain three points of contact when going up / down ladders (stairs) and be extremely careful not to pinch your fingers in any doors or hatches.

3. LADDERS (Stairs): Take your time! Always go up and down ladders with AT LEAST one hand on the railing (three points of contact). NEVER slide down the handrails of a ladder. A majority of shipboard injuries occur while transiting ladders.

4. BEWARE THE WEATHER DECKS: NEVER go out on a weather deck alone. Only go topside as part of a tour or when accompanied by your sponsor or another crewmember. NEVER go out on a weather deck when flight operations are taking place.

5. EXITS: Locate and remember all exits from your berthing compartment or stateroom. Make sure your sponsor shows you where life jackets are stored and where to go for "man overboard" and "abandon ship" drills.

6. PERSONAL STUFF (THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY) : GOOD: ALWAYS wear hearing protection (ear plugs, or "foamies") when in noise hazard areas, like the flight deck. Keep a set in your pocket at all times! Get another set if you lose yours – we have plenty! **BAD: FOD (Foreign Object Damage)** Carry as little as possible in your pockets. Loose change and metal objects are a potential hazard to aircraft and personnel. **NO HATS ON THE FLIGHT DECK** or on "Vulture's Row." **UGLY:** Watches and all kinds of jewelry inevitably get caught or become entangled on handrails, door jams, aircraft, etc. They should not be worn while onboard.

7. STANDING STILL: Do not lean against lifelines, guardrails, or chains. NEVER put yourself in a position where an unexpected maneuver of the ship or an unexpected roll in high seas could result in a fall. Respect warning lines on the hangar deck near aircraft elevators.

8. NO DISTRACTIONS: Sunglasses may not be worn inside the skin of the ship. NO personal portable stereo headphones are to be worn while moving through the ship. Use these only in your berthing space or while on exercise equipment.

9. NO INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION (Groups are GOOD, alone is BAD...): The spaces of the ship that are routinely used by the entire ship's company, i.e. passageways, berthing compartments, most workcenters, and the messdecks are all reasonably safe. Main Machinery Rooms (Engine Rooms) and isolated spaces such as storerooms, voids, fan rooms, etc. are not safe and will be OFF LIMITS to guests. If there isn't a sailor in the space, you probably should not be there either. Never go up a vertical ladder unless directed to do so by a crewmember.

10. DON'T GET CAUGHT... straddling or stepping over lines, wires, or chains under tension. Never stand in the bight of any line, cable, or chain (the "bight" is the area where the area where the line will move when tensioned).

BE SAFE & HAVE FUN!